

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

~~Sub 1~~ (Currently amended) A fuel tank having improved durability and corrosion-resistance properties made from an Al coated steel sheet having an alkali-soluble resin film directly formed on a surface of said Al-coated steel sheet wherein the alkali-soluble resin film is a protective film for providing at least anti-scratching properties, wherein the alkali-soluble resin film is removable from the surface of said Al-coated steel sheet after press-forming to a final shape, and wherein the resin film is soluble in an alkali liquid of pH 9.0 or higher and has a carboxyl group in its molecule with an acid value of 40-90.

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled.

~~4~~ 4. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in claim 1, wherein the alkali-soluble resin has an acid value of 40-90 and a carboxyl group in its molecule and 1-50% hydrogen atom of said carboxyl group is substituted by alkali metal.

5. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in claim 1, wherein the alkali-soluble resin is urethane.

6. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in claim 1, wherein the resin film is mixed with 1-25 mass % a powdery synthetic resin.

7. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in claim 1, wherein the resin film has a thickness of 0.2-5.0 μm formed on the fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet.

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1/2 Cont. Claim 8 has been canceled.

9. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in claim 1, wherein the alkali-soluble resin is acrylic resin.

10. (Previously Presented) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in claim 1, wherein the resin film is mixed with 1-30 mass % powdery silica.
